

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-223

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2015-17, AS AMENDED, RESOLUTION NO. 2016-148, AS AMENDED, RESOLUTION NO. 2017-167, AS AMENDED AND RESOLUTION NO. 2018-219 AS AMENDED, TO ADJUST THE STORM WATER FEE, PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER PROVISION, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2015-17 passed and adopted by the City Commission on June 16, 2015 and subsequently amended by Resolution No. 2016-75 on March 15, 2016, Resolution No. 2016-148 on June 14, 2016, Resolution No. 2017-167 on July 11, 2017, and Resolution No. 2018-219 on August 28, 2018 as permitted by the Ordinance, established fees for various licenses, permits, services and penalties by the City of Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined that it is necessary to recover the City's costs of providing Storm Water services; and

WHEREAS, the recommended increase contained herein is the fourth year of a ten-year Sea Level Rise Mitigation Plan (years 1, 2 & 3 were implemented in Fiscal Years 2017, 2018 and 2019) to create a substantial fund balance in the Storm Water Utility Fund necessary to ready the City for sea level rise related infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the fee change plan is to accumulate a minimum of \$100 million by the early "mid-century" mark; and

WHEREAS, the theory behind the plan is to make sure Coral Gables is ready to compete in the early "mid-century" grant and loan markets when most cities along the coast will be competing for the same dollars; and

WHEREAS, the more funds Coral Gables accumulates on its own translates to less grants and loans the City will have to compete for; and

WHEREAS, the accumulated funds will be restricted in the City's balance sheet specifically for sea level rise capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Plan calls for a fee increase each year from Fiscal Year 2017 through Fiscal Year 2026 as indicated on the attached exhibit; and

WHEREAS, the Storm Water Fee effective October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020, will increase from \$14.73 to \$16.16 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) per month;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing “**WHEREAS**” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The City Commission revises the Fee Schedule as follows:

Storm Water Management Utility Fee Schedule. City Code Section 78-162	
Storm Water services – residential service	\$16.16 per dwelling unit per month.
Storm Water services – non-residential service	\$16.16 per ERU (Equivalent Residential Unit of 2,346 sq. ft.) per month.

SECTION 3. Future amendments to the Zoning Code that change the numbering of the code sections for which fees are charged in this document shall not affect the particular fees or fines. Future amendments to the City Code that change the numbering of the code sections for which fees are charged in this document shall not affect the particular fees or fines.

SECTION 4. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

SECTION 5. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS NINTH DAY OF JULY, A.D., 2019.

(Moved: Keon/ Seconded: Lago)

(Yeas: Mena, Fors Jr., Keon, Lago, Valdes-Fauli)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: I-3)

APPROVED:


RAUL VALDES-FAULI
MAYOR

ATTEST:


BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY